

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1) (currently amended) In a process for winding a melt spun monofilament elastic fiber onto a core for forming a package and/or warp beam for use in knitting or weaving operations, the improvement comprising: forming the elastic fiber into a shape having a fiber cross section such that the width of the fiber is at least 1.5 times the thickness of the fiber, prior to winding onto the core wherein the elastic fiber will recover at least about 50% of its stretched length after the first pull and after the fourth pull to 100% strain.
- 2) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the width of the cross-sectional area is at least 3 times the thickness of the fiber.
- 3) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the width of the cross-sectional area is at least 5 times the thickness of the fiber.
- 4) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the elastic fiber is an olefin polymer.
- 5) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the elastic fiber is a linear ethylene-alpha olefin interpolymer.
- 6) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the elastic fiber is a substantially linear ethylene-alpha olefin interpolymer which has been substantially crosslinked.
- 7) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the fiber is formed using dies having an opening which has two generally perpendicular axes, wherein one axis is at least about 1.5 times longer than the other axis.
- 8) (original)The process of Claim 1 wherein the fiber is formed using dies having an opening which has two generally perpendicular axes, wherein one axis is at least about 3 times longer than the other axis.
- 9) (Canceled)
- 10) (withdrawn) An improved package for elastic fiber comprising: a length of elastic fiber wound around a core, wherein the elastic fiber has a cross sectional area such that the width of the fiber is at least 3 times the thickness of the fiber prior to winding the elastic fiber onto the tube core.

- 11) (withdrawn) A process for forming an elastic fiber wherein the fiber is formed using a die having one or more openings which have two generally perpendicular axes, wherein one axis is at least about 3 times longer than the other axis.
- 12) (withdrawn) The process of Claim 11 wherein the fiber is used in a nonwoven structure.
- 13) (withdrawn) The process of Claim 11 wherein the fiber is used as a binder fiber.
- 14) (withdrawn) The process of Claim 13 wherein the binder fiber is a bicomponent fiber.
- 15) (withdrawn) The process of claim 11 wherein the fiber is wound onto a package or warp beam.
- 16) (withdrawn) Fabric comprising a fiber made from the process of claim 11.
- 17) (withdrawn) The Fabric of claim 16 wherein the fabric is woven or knitted.